Dear Scott, 10/10/96

Using up old envelopes a box of which I've found.

Thanks for the Yourpublood clsit. I do not know anything about the man given the phony name John Scelso but from what this story attribtes to him he is a liar doing dirty work for the CIA. If the committee people had Not been ignorant they'd have spotted much of this.

Ther was no "CIA chief investogator" of the JFK assassination. There was no known CIA assassination investigation from the disclosed records and testimony.

Whether Angleton disobeyed any orders in conferring with the Commission he did that with Helms and others, all of them at the same time.

Whether or not Angleton had close ties to Hoover it was not Hoover with whom he got together so they'd be giving the WC the same story. That was Wm. C. Sullivan, hedd of domestic intelligence. And "Scelso" could not have been even a part of any assassination investigation without knowing that the FBI never investigated the assassination it - self.

There is no reason even to suspect that Angleton "~~tie~~ tried to press" any conspeiracy theory on the Commission. All the known records are to the exact opposite.

All of this, including the supposition that Angleton had some mafia connection escapes being perjury by being hearsay. There is nothing in this story ~~as~~ saying that anything attributed to "Scelso" was of his personal knowledge.

There was only one time that is known that the CIA tried to use the mafia "in Cuban operations" and if Angleton was involved in that, he was minor in it. It was a Shef. Edwards job and only six people in all in the CIA even knew about it before it was exposed.

What "Scelso" says about Nosenko not "being on the level" is a plain lie.

So also is what he says about delays in Mexico City info reaching Washington because of "overwork."

That the CIA had the Russian and Cuban phones tapped in Mexico is not new. If it is true that all the lines were, that could be true. I'd not heard that before.

So, I wonder what this all represents. Aside from the obvious, of misleading and misdirecting the House committee. That was a clear intent and it seems to have succeeded. Probably the CIA had an adequate if not ample reading on this nuts to begin with.

Hope all is going well with your wife and newest. Best to you all,

and thanks,

Harold